

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

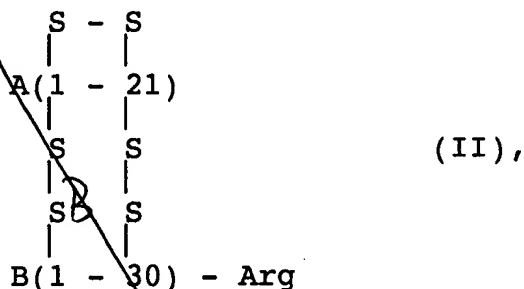
10. A fusion protein [containing] which comprises the compound of the formula I, as claimed in claim 1, [preferably] bonded via a bridging member

- Met - Ile - Glu - Gly - Arg -

to [the "ballast component" of] a peptide which stabilizes the fusion protein.

Please add the following new claims 11-13.

-- 11. A method for the preparation of the compound of formula II



in which A(1-21) and B(1-30) denote the A and B chain of human insulin and the -S-S- bridges are positioned as in insulin, using the compound of formula I, as claimed in claim 1.

12. A method of using the compound of claim 1 for the preparation of insulin.

13. A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein all of the chemical reactions are carried out in one vessel without having to isolate an intermediate compound of the compound of formula II.--

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